GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION, UPGRADATION AND WIDENING OF NH IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the expansion, upgradation and widening of National Highways in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent thereon as on date, section-wise and phase-wise; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (R B.C.KHANDURI]

(a) The length of National Highways (NHs) in Orissa up to the 8th plan was 1625 km ; 1568 km were added during the 9th plan period. Total length of NHs in the State of Orissa now is 3193 kilometres, out of which four laning of437 kilometres is included under the Golden Quadrilateral of NHDP being implementedby NHAI. Four laning of 28 kilometres has been completed and the balance length is targeted for substantial complete by December, 2003. The remaining length of 2756 kilometres is with the State PWD. An aggregate length of about 1200 kilometres has been improved during the last three years. During this year improvement has already be sanctioned for another 941 kilometres. Balance length is targeted to improved by March 2004.

(b) Allocations for National Highways are made state-wise and not section-wise or phase wise. The detail allotment and expenditure for National Highways in Orissa are as under:-

(Rs in crore)

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-02	2002-03
NH (Original)				
Allocation	43.5	67.04	60.00	65.00
Expenditure	38.50	67.04	45.00	26.33 up to Nov, 02
M&R				
Allocation	36.22	42.77	47.31	36.42
Expenditure	29.22	42.77	47.11	15.84 up to Nov, 02

(c) Development of National Highways is a continuous process.